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In re Application of: Furman et al.

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For:

Methods of Functionalizing and Functionalized Metal Oxide Particles and Mechanically Strong and Transparent or Translucent Composites Made

Using Zirconium Oxide Nanoparticles

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents PO BOX 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attached is a revised claim section, as requested in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) of November 10, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2749A), maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C.

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